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ALL THINGS COME TO THEM THAT WAIT, PROVIDING THEY WAIT WHILE THEY WAIT.—Charles W. Anderson. "Get out of our sunshine."—R. Z. Boyd.

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## PIONEER CHURCH- MAN LAID TO REST.

### Funeral of Rev. Father McGavock Largely Attended.

#### ST. JOHN A. M. E. CHURCH CROWDED BY FRIEND.

BISHOP EVANS TYREE PREACHES MASTERLY SERMON — REV. IMES PAYS BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO THE WORTHY CITIZENS—BURIAL UNDER AUSPICES OF MASONIC ORDER—GRAND MASTER HENRY PRESIDENT—REV. MCGAVOCK WAS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF MASONIC FRATERNITY IN TENNESSEE—A REMARKABLE MAN IN MANY WAYS—AN APOSTLE OF PEACE—A WISE COUNSELLOR.

On last Sunday afternoon a large body of the citizens of Nashville assembled at the St. John A. M. E. Church to pay the last tribute of respect to one of the leading characters of the state of Tennessee, the late Rev. Nelson McGavock. He was a pioneer in more ways than one, and served the community well in which he lived. Rev. McGavock was a painter by trade and a minister of the Gospel by choice. After singing by the choir and Scripture reading Rev. B. G. Gordon, the pastor, read the following obituary:

"Rev. Nelson McGavock was born March 3, 1823, and died March 13, 1908. He was at the time of his death 85 years and 10 days of age. There are but few if any who can remember him other than Rev. McGavock; for he found Christ precious to his soul in early boyhood, and thence became a devout Christian and gospel-bearer for his Master. This course he continued to pursue, with meekness and great reverence till he was summoned to come home. Around his memory clings a fact of which not any other A. M. E. can boast, for it was in his home many years ago that the African Methodist Church in this city was organized. He was much beloved and greatly revered by his church and if from no other reason than the one just mentioned, it will stand paramount, for in those days it took one of noble character and God-fearing perseverance to offer his home for a church or schoolhouse.

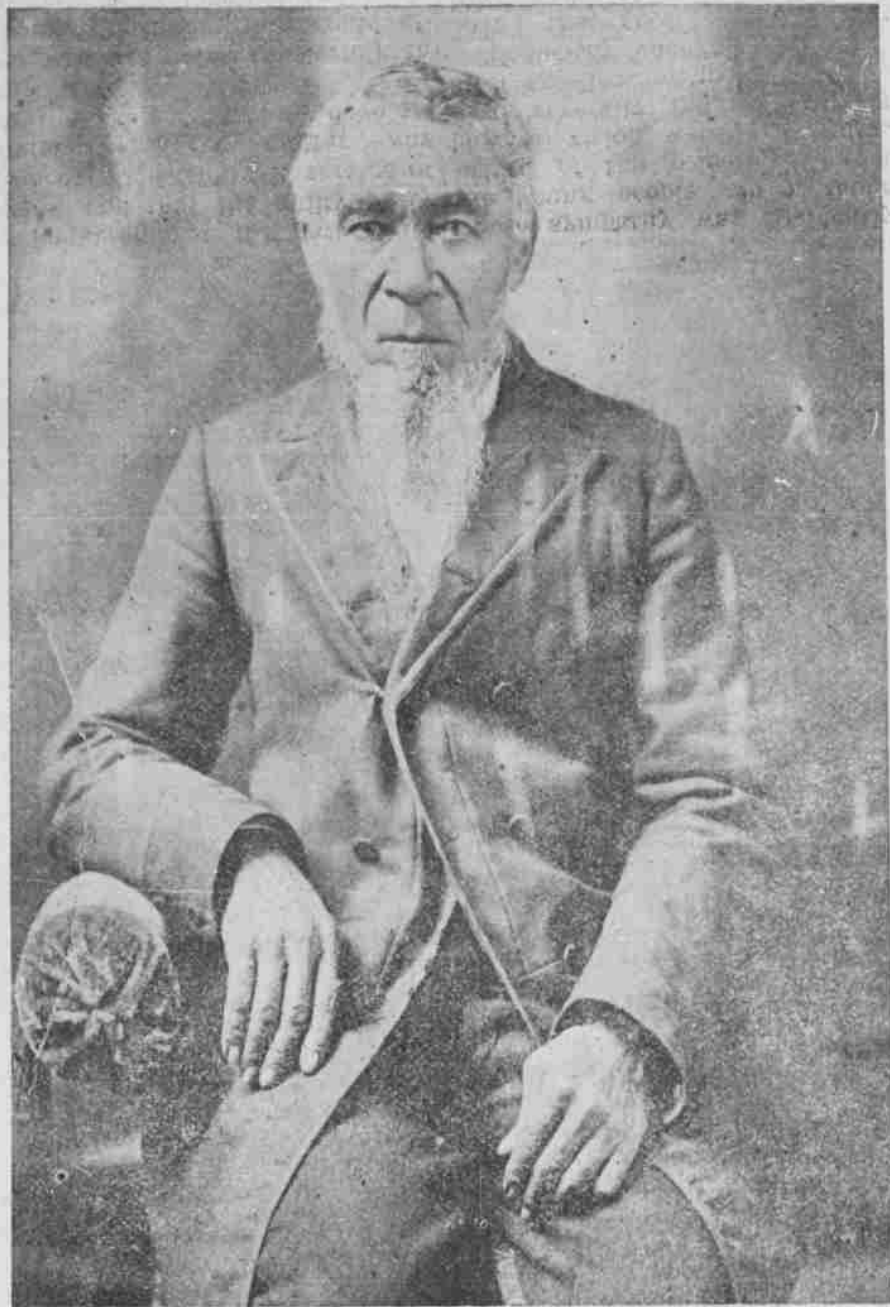
Rev. McGavock has not laid his burden down suddenly, for he has lived fourscore and five years. Four years of which time, he was practically an invalid, but he was still in the care of the family where he spent most of his time.

He was the son of Aunt Fanny Grundy, who lived to be 109 years old before she was called home, and was the brother of Mrs. Alice Grundy, also deceased. But in the absence of such dear friends as mother and sister, there was still another God had left to care for him, a devoted niece, Mrs. Mary Hadley Davis, whose tenderness, patience and devotion in caring for him has won much admiration from all who knew them, for "Uncle Nelson" never knew a want that "Mary" did not satisfy.

With all the days of suffering which came to him he bore them patiently and with a fortitude most remarkable, for he was never known to murmur.

He was ever ready to explain passages of Scripture, for he was most thoroughly versed in the Bible and it was always the delight of the Sunday-school teachers to have him present at their meetings. With his discourses he has graced nearly every pulpit in this and other counties of Tennessee; yet he leaves us and passes into a broader sphere beyond to receive his portion for a life well lived and the good done here below.

He leaves three nieces: Mrs. Geo. W. East, Mrs. Carrie E. Word, Mrs. Mary H. Davis, grandnieces and nephews, besides a host of friends



THE LATE REV. NELSON MCGAVOCK.

and admirers to mourn his departure.

After he had finished reading he introduced Bishop Tyree, who said in part: "When I was informed last Saturday afternoon that I was requested to say something on this occasion, I began looking through my library for something that would throw some light on the history of the African Methodist Church in Tennessee. I found a volume of records that were compiled by the late Rev. Bedford Green during his lifetime and in that I found that many years ago Rev. Nelson McGavock identified himself with the Tennessee Annual Conference. I have been associated with him nearly forty years and I have had a splendid opportunity to study his life. But the thing that puzzles me to-day is just how I am to say what ought to be said about this character in the time allotted—just where to begin and how to end. For any one who knew Brother McGavock and cannot say anything about a man like him, is blank, utterly blank." Bishop Tyree said that Rev. McGavock was a quiet, unassuming man, never made much noise; but he was a shining light. (Continued on Page 6.)

#### ASSAULT ON MR. BOWLING RESENTED.

##### DELEGATES TO THE A. M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE TAKE ACTION.

Probable That They Will Not Travel Over the L. & N. Road.

As a result of the attempted assault on Mr. Luther Bowling a few days ago, which has caused a great deal of discussion among the delegates who will attend the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, at the last session of the Preachers' Alliance the matter was given serious consideration. A resolution was offered condemning that road, but was not passed, as some thought that when the case was sifted it would be shown that the management does not condone such actions on the part of its employees, and that the guilty party would be expelled from the service of the company. So the matter was laid on the table to await developments.

Those who are going to Norfolk in May do not feel that they could afford to risk being insulted and probably assaulted by those whom they are paying to give them service, and they entertain a fear that if they should go to the city office they would come in contact with the same party who attempted to assault Mr. Bowling. The matter has been laid before the authorities and those best acquainted with the management feel confident that the cowardly and impudent fellow will receive what he deserves—a dismissal from the service.

## CONCERT BY BLIND SCHOOL

### Pupils Show They Receive Careful Training.

#### RENDER BEAUTIFUL SELECTIONS AT FIRST-BAPTIST CHURCH.

SOLOS, VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL; DUETS, TRIOS, JUBILEE SONGS, READINGS, RECITATIONS AND SCRIPTURE READING MAKE UP THE PROGRAM—ALL PUPILS SHOW GREAT SKILL AND ABILITY—CONCERT GIVEN TO ACQUAINT PUBLIC WITH THE INSTITUTION—SCHOOL ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL WHO ARE WORTHY OF ADMITTANCE—MRS. LOWE, PRINCIPAL, MAKES SPLENDID TALK.

The concert, consisting of vocal solos, duets, trios, Jubilee songs, instrumental recitals, readings, recitations, declamations and Scripture reading, rendered Monday evening at the First Baptist Church by pupils from the Blind School, under the direction of Principal Lowe and her efficient assistants, Miss Minnie Mae Hunter, Miss Quinetta L. Compton and Mr. Myers, Master of Ceremonies, was an enjoyable one. A large and appreciative audience was present to witness the exercises. Every number on the program was well rendered, and was heartily applauded by the audience whose sympathy was evidently with the young people, who, though deprived of the priceless blessing of physical vision, were performing their parts severally and collectively in a most excellent manner.

"Somebody knocking at your door," "Ain't that good news," "Bye and bye," were interpreted by a class of eight (4 girls and 4 boys) with a fidelity of fervor and a richness of melody that would have enraptured even the men and women who used to sing these songs as a medium of giving expression of praise to God for whatever blessings he vouchsafed to them in the cruel slavery days.

The reading of the Scriptures by Melvin Harrold and Mary Sue Dickerson was listened to with much attention. But the reading of Little Mary Sue Dickerson was exceptionally good.

She has a sweet voice which she has under splendid control, giving to her reading that inflection, enunciation and emphasis which make it remarkable in one so young and who has had but one year in the school, as the Globe representative was informed. To make what might be a long story short, it may be said that each pupil performed his or her part in a praiseworthy way.

The object for giving this concert at the church was to let the public have an opportunity of seeing what is being done to prepare these sightless children for the duties of life. This was gleaned from the remarks made by Mr. Myers. He said that if parents of children eligible to benefits of the school could be induced to send them here more could be asked for from the state for the enlargement of the institution. He said that the superintendent was in hearty sympathy and accord with what is being done.

The principal, Mrs. Lowe, also gave a splendid talk, reviewing in a pointed way the work being accomplished at the institution. She appealed to the people to co-operate with the management in making the institution what it should be—a blessing to the unfortunate children that an overruling Providence has ordained must go through this world without the aid of sight. She recounted instances of some who have received the benefits of the institution and have gone out into life and how helpful they have become in the respective communities in which they live. She gave a graphic and succinct description of student life at the institution—how they work, how they live, how they worship, how helpful they are, how contented, how genial and kindly considerate of each other's welfare and comfort. From beginning to end her talk was interesting, full of information, suggestion and appeal.

Rev. Mr. Ellington made a strong plea for the institution in his characteristic earnest and manly way. He thanked the Faculty and pupils for their presence and the entertainment.

No one who saw the concert and the proficiency of the pupils would entertain any doubt as to the remarkable as well as noble work being done by Principal Lowe and her worthy assistants, Misses Hunter and Compton.

Everybody was pleased with the evening's exercises, and took occasion to thank and congratulate Mrs. Lowe, the young lady teachers and the pupils personally after the close of the evening's entertainment.

Principal Lowe brought along exhibits of the handiwork done by students in the Manual Training Department and in the Sewing Department. The students also demonstrated how they do their mental or literary work. The people examined everything with eager interest, and expression of pleasure derived from the evening's entertainment were heard on every side. The exercises were as follows:

#### PROGRAM.

Jubilee Song—"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door."  
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#### BISHOP EVANS TYREE SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

##### FREE LECTURE AT ST. JOHN A. M. E. CHURCH AT 3:30.

Dr. Roman Will Lecture Sunday, April 5—Deferred for Convenience of Knights of Pythias.

There is a rare treat in store for the citizens of Nashville, which they will be admitted to receive Sunday afternoon if they visit St. John A. M. E. Church at the hour of 3:30. On this occasion Bishop Tyree will deliver one of his famous lectures on the absorbing subject before the American people to-day, namely: "Our Home and Church Life." The Negroes of Nashville are well acquainted with the speaker for this occasion, he having lived in this city for more than twenty-five years, but they are not as well acquainted with his knowledge of the conditions of our people as they ought to be and for this reason a free lecture has been arranged that all who desire may come. The first of this series of lectures that was to have been delivered by Rev. W. S. Ellington was postponed indefinitely on account of the funeral of the late Rev. Nelson McGavock. The third and last of the series that was to have been delivered by Dr. C. V. Roman on the fifth Sunday in March has been deferred to the first Sunday in April. This action was necessary in view of the fact that the Order of Knights of Pythias will have their annual sermon on that Sunday afternoon and many of the members are anxious to hear Dr. Roman.

## POLITICAL SITUATION OF TO-DAY.

### From the Distance Can be Discerned a Dark Cloud.

#### IT SEEMS TO BE SETTING OVER ADMINISTRATION'S CHOICE.

REPUBLICANS BECOMING MORE AND MORE DISSATISFIED WITH TAFT AS A CHOICE—REALIZE THAT THE BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR CANNOT BE RECKONED WITH AS CHILD'S PLAY—AFRAID OF DOUBTFUL STATES—OHIO PLATFORM CONSIDERED A BAIT—TAFT PLAYING TO THE NEGRO VOTERS—OHIO PROUD OF FORAKER, WHO STILL TOWERS LIKE FOREST OAK ABOVE HIS POLITICAL ADVERSARIES.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—As the time for the national conventions draws nigh, the political situation throughout the United States assumes more serious proportions. It looks as though the democrats will, as predicted, turn to their idol, Wm. Jennings Bryan, handing him the nomination on a silver plate, refusing to accept Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota, while the republicans are still casting around trying to find a man that can not only get the nomination before the republican convention that is to meet in Chicago in June, but can carry up to the polls in November a large electoral vote. It is a foregone conclusion among the representative congressmen and senators here, together with well-informed men in various departments, that under the present conditions the doubtful states will be more doubtful and the close states closer, with the solid South just as solid.

There is practically no significance in the change of Missouri and Kentucky, except with the small hope that Kentucky will repeat her recent actions in keeping a republican as governor, and Missouri may rebuke Senator Warren. At any rate the country must soon be called upon to render a verdict as to its approval or disapproval in the present chief executive's action with regard to the Brownsville affair.

The moves on the political checker-board have been watched by the most celebrated political experts. One gentleman, who is known to have been in politics for the last forty years, gave his opinion of Mr. Roosevelt and the administration with respect to the recent swapping and changing of positions as being in the same condition the prisoner was in who was a very desperate character and was arrested by an officer, who boasted that he would arrest the desperado, but was afraid of his prisoner after arresting him; so he drew his revolver and a dirk, at the same time addressing his prisoner thus, "Run I shoot you; stand I cut you." This view is confirmed by many recent happenings in various parts of the country by the administration forces in their efforts to strengthen the Taft candidacy and assure his nomination.

The New York Press of March 13, contained as the leading editorial: "There can be little doubt that the President's action regarding the discharged soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry at Brownsville to mollify the colored vote on the eve of the national election will fail to reconcile it to Mr. Taft. Nothing has been made clearer in this canvass for the Republican nomination than that the Brownsville affair has permanently alienated the negroes of the country from the administration. In mass meetings, from the pulpit and through published announcements notice has been served on Mr. Taft that the colored vote will be cast against him if he is nominated. It is scarcely to be questioned that alarm over this important disaffection has moved the President at this late day to offer to restore to their military rank those soldiers who supply evidence that they were not guilty of the crime for which they were punished by executive order. But the resentment of the whole colored race is so deep that this political expedient is more likely to infuriate it further